



**City of New Bedford**

**Jon Mitchell Mayor**

## **Summary of Recent Crime Data**

- Crime in New Bedford is falling in virtually every category, according to preliminary data collected by the New Bedford Police Department.\*
- The Police Department's most recent analysis compared the first 7 months of this year with first 7 months of previous years.

### **Violent Crimes** (includes homicides, rapes, robberies, and assaults)

Violent crimes are down by 13% over the same 7 months last year.

There have been 82 fewer violent crime incidents so far this year.

Incidents of robberies and assaults are both down about 10% from last year's figure.

### **Property Crimes** (includes burglaries and vehicle thefts)

Property crimes are down by 17% over the same 7 months last year.

There have been 342 fewer property crime incidents so far this year.

Break-ins are down by 13% from last year's figure.

## **Car Thefts**

The New Bedford Police Department has been especially successful in reducing car thefts in the past two years.

Compared to the first 7 months of 2013, car thefts are down by 35%.

## **Shots Fired**

There have been 9 fewer incidents of shots fired through August 2.

The numbers of incidents in which shots were fired has fallen by 35% from the same seven-months last year.

## **The Homicide rate**

Homicides continue to remain remarkably low for a city of New Bedford's size.

There have been just 3 homicides through August 2.

This level is about the same for the past several years, including last year when there were just 2 homicides and the year prior when there were 3 homicides.

By comparison, Boston had 32 murders through August 2 last year and 18 murders this year. Providence had 9 murders through August 2.

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\*arson is the outlier; up 3 incidents from 8 to 11.

\*\*Homicide figures for New Bedford, Providence, and Boston all use the period from January 1 through the week ending August 2, 2015.

**Crime Data Year to Date Comparison January 1-July 31**

**Source: New Bedford Police Department**

IBRDescription	2013	2014	2015	1 Year % Change	2 Year % Change
Murder and Non-negligent	3	2	3*	50%	0%
Forcible Rape	41	35	27	-23%	-34%
Forcible Sodomy	15	13	3	-76%	-80%
Robbery	152	155	138	-11%	-9%
Aggravated Assault	334	411	365	-11%	9%
Burglary / Breaking and Entering	501	490	424	-13%	-15%
Larceny	1174	1352	1073	-20%	-9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	208	132	134	1%	-35%
Arson	8	10	11	1%	38%
Shots Fired (Victim)	6	12	3	-75%	-50%
Shots Fired (No Victim)	17	14	14	0%	-18%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>1 Year % Change</b>	<b>2 Year % Change</b>
Violent Crime	545	616	533	-13%	-2%
Property Crime	1891	1984	1642	-17%	-13%
Shots Fired (All)	23	26	17	-35%	-26%

\*includes August 2, 2015 homicide at Blackmer Street/Acushnet Avenue intersection.